

# Financial Aid Newsletter

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## Countdown for the FAFSA

### Priority Deadline for Fall 09: March 15, 2009

Check out the Countdown on the DSU website at:

[http://www.dsu.nodak.edu/financial\\_aid.asp](http://www.dsu.nodak.edu/financial_aid.asp)

Returning students may complete a pre-filled

FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

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**Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** (School code is 002989)

**2 days 13 hours 11 minutes 33 seconds** left for FAFSA priority filing.

Visit [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) to begin priority FAFSA filing.

The priority deadline is March 15 to qualify for the State Grant, Federal Work Study, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), and Federal Perkins Loan. Students can submit a FAFSA to determine other options of aid such as the Federal Pell Grant, Federal Stafford Loans (subsidized or unsubsidized) or alternative loans. To ensure full access to all available financial aid programs, students should submit the need analysis application as soon as the family income tax returns have been completed. (If a tax return will not be filed, students may apply after January 1.) Apply free online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or contact the Office of Financial Aid for an application at (701) 483-2371. We encourage you to apply online as it may take up to three weeks for a paper application to be processed.

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**Mission Statement**

In collaboration with the Division of Student Development, the Office of Financial Aid enhances a learning environment to support student's growth and enable students to pursue their educational objectives at Dickinson State University.

The Office of Financial Aid provides students (and their families) knowledge and access to financial aid programs and provides specialized services with an emphasis on quality, accuracy, and efficiency.

**Financial Aid Award Notice Information**

If you are a student who received a financial aid award notice, this page will answer many of your questions: [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Instructions for accepting/declining your Award Notification](#)

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## Dates to Remember:

- March 15 FAFSA Priority Deadline
- March 16-20 Spring Break
- Apr. 10-13 Easter Recess
- April 14-30 Pre-registration Returning Students
- April 17 Last Day to Drop a Class

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## NASFAA Today's News

Monday, March 9, 2009

### Applications For Federal Student Aid Are Up So Far This Year (The Chronicle of Higher Education)

"Applications for federal student aid are coming in to the government at a faster pace this year, the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators recently reported, citing information from the U.S. Department of Education," *The Chronicle of Higher Education* reports. "The department told the association that by the last week in February, it had processed almost three million student-aid applications for the 2009-10 award year, an increase of more than 20 percent over the comparable period in the previous application cycle."

## NASFAA Today's News

Thursday, March 5, 2009

### Scholarships Offer Wacky Ways To Pay (ABC News)

"What's in a name? Well, if your last name is Zolp and you're a student at Loyola University Chicago, your name is worth a whole lot," *ABC News* reports. "Loyola's Zolp scholarship is one of a number of quirky scholarships across the country. There are scholarships for left-handed students, for surfers, for twins, for welders, for marble shooters, even for the children of Tupperware dealers. Unusual scholarships like these have led to an often repeated statistic that billions of dollars in scholarships go unclaimed every year."

## NASFAA Today's News

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

### Drew University's Campus-Wide Commitment To Access And Diversity

"When it comes to providing access and promoting diversity, Drew University enlists the entire campus, not just one or two offices. Drew U. President Robert Weisbuch in 2007 appointed a Special Assistant on Diversity who also chairs the

University Diversity Committee. This committee consists of members of the Drew community (faculty, staff and students) who maintain the charge of enhancing a culture of diversity on campus."

## NASFAA Today's News

Monday, March 2, 2009

### Obama's Call Of College For All; Could It Be Done? (Associated Press)

"In his address to a joint session of Congress on Tuesday, President Barack Obama called for every American to pursue some form of education beyond high school," the *Associated Press* reports. "It's an ambitious goal - some might say impossible. ... The Associated Press asked six experts - from the worlds of policy, philanthropy, and some who work directly with struggling students - to answer the same two questions. Is the president's goal realistic? And what would it take to attain it?"

## NASFAA Today's News

Thursday, February 26, 2009

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#### Indian Health Professions Preparatory, Pregraduate And Scholarship Programs

"The Health Professions Preparatory Scholarship awards are made to American Indians, or Alaska Natives who have successfully completed high school education and have been accepted for enrollment in a compensatory, pre-professional general education course or curriculum. The Health Pregraduate Scholarship awards are made to American Indians, or Alaska Natives who have successfully completed high school and have been accepted for enrollment or are enrolled in an accredited pregraduate program leading to a baccalaureate degree in pre-medicine, pre-dentistry, pre-podiatry or pre-optometry. To receive an Indian Health Professions Scholarship, an otherwise eligible individual must be enrolled in an appropriately accredited school and pursuing a course of study in a health profession."

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## NASFAA Today's News

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

### Comparing Financial Aid Packages

"The amounts of financial aid offered by the colleges you applied to may be substantial, but the amount of aid offered isn't always as important as the types of aid in the financial aid package. Deciphering financial aid award letters is vital to evaluating your college options and choosing the school that suits you best. But calculating the value of an award letter and comparing it to other award letters can be confusing. This article offers tips that will help you decipher award letters and compare aid packages."

## NASFAA Today's News

Friday, February 20, 2009

### FINANCIAL AID IN THE NEWS NATIONAL NEWS

#### "Watchdog: Beware Of College 'Scholarship' Scam (Star-Telegram)

"People claiming to represent the U.S. Education Department are calling students to offer scholarships and grants," the *Star-Telegram* reports. "The callers ask for a bank or credit-card number, saying the information will be used for a \$249 processing fee. But it's a fake. ... 'Do not give your financial information to individuals making these claims, 'the department warns."

## NASFAA Today's News

Thursday, February 19, 2009

### Eight Steps To Winning A Scholarship

"Families often hear about the millions of scholarship dollars that go unused each year, an anecdote that has been repeated so many times that it is accepted as fact. But many families soon realize that this pot of scholarships at the end of the rainbow is a myth: while there are scholarships that go unused, much of the money included in that figure comes from employers' tuition remission programs. But that doesn't mean there are not scholarships out there, and with a

few simple steps you can increase your odds of obtaining scholarships."

### External Scholarships Available

The Office of Financial Aid will inform you of any external scholarships as they become available. The following external scholarships are available now; therefore, if you need an application or more information, please stop in Room 209 May Hall between the hours of 7:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Notice the deadline dates for the individual scholarships. Check out the "Scholarship Bulletin Board" located by the stairs for the Office of Financial Aid, Room 209 May Hall.

External scholarships and the previous newsletters have been added to the DSU website: [www.dsu.nodak.edu/financial\\_newsletter.asp](http://www.dsu.nodak.edu/financial_newsletter.asp) & [www.dickinsonstate.com/pdf/finaid/ExternalScholarships.pdf](http://www.dickinsonstate.com/pdf/finaid/ExternalScholarships.pdf)

### North Dakota Education Association Scholarships

**Deadline: March 15, 2009**

For detailed information on each scholarship and applications go to: [www.ndea.org](http://www.ndea.org) then go to Teaching and Learning, then click on Handbooks, Grants & Scholarships.

### Southwest Grain Scholarship

**Deadline: March 26, 2009**

Southwest Grain will be offering eight \$1000 scholarships to qualifying students pursuing careers in an agriculturally related field. Any student planning to attend college or university for the 2009-2010 fall and spring semesters may apply for a scholarship. Feel free to apply again even if you have previously received a Southwest Grain Scholarship before. Applications are available on the second floor of May Hall near the Office of Financial Aid, from your local Southwest Grain Agri-Service Center Manager, or contact Vi at 701-

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483-2971 M-F between 6 am and 2:30 pm.  
Applications must be postmarked by Thursday, March 26, 2009 to be considered. Winners will be announced in April.

## **North Dakota Congress of Parents and Teachers Scholarship**

**Deadline: March 31, 2009**

Scholarships will be offered to persons in the field of general education who have completed two or more years of college toward that education level. Applicants must be enrolled full time for two semesters or three quarters of the school year for which the application is made. The applicant must be a resident of North Dakota. At least one parent or guardian of the dependent student must be a North Dakota resident. The applicant must also submit letters of reference, official transcript, and a 100-300 word essay. Recipients are encouraged to teach in North Dakota schools for one year for each scholarship received. Applications are located on the second floor of May Hall near the financial aid office or contact the NDPTA office at 701-297-9268 or [NDPTAoffice@702com.net](mailto:NDPTAoffice@702com.net).

## **National Federation of the Blind**

**Deadline: March 31, 2009**

The annual National Federation of the Blind Scholarship Program offers thirty scholarships from \$3000 to \$12,000 and includes additional gifts for each winner. By completing the one scholarship application, eligible students are applying for all 30 awards in the 2009 program. To be eligible, students must be legally blind, living in the United States, enrolled in accredited universities here, and, if they are winners, must attend the NFB annual convention in July 2009, at which time awards are presented. Go to [www.nfb.org/scholarships](http://www.nfb.org/scholarships) to read all the details and to find the online application form.

## **Student Loan Network Scholarship**

**Deadline: drawing on March 31, 2009**

Student Loan Network has helped millions of students and their families access financial aid, student loans and scholarships. We're giving you the chance to win a \$10,000 college scholarship simply by entering our semi-annual scholarship drawing and becoming a [ScholarshipPoints.com](http://ScholarshipPoints.com) member. Go to [www.studentloannetwork.com/10k](http://www.studentloannetwork.com/10k) to enter. For other free resources go to [www.studentloannetwork.com/resources](http://www.studentloannetwork.com/resources).

## **Academic Business Scholarship**

**Deadline: April 1, 2009**

The Academic Business Scholarship is to provide financial assistance to undergraduate students who are interested in pursuing bachelor level degrees related to business management, information systems management, marketing, finance, accounting, human resource management, and entrepreneurship. Go to [http://degreedirectory.org/pages/business\\_scholarship.html](http://degreedirectory.org/pages/business_scholarship.html) for more information and to download an application.

## **AICPA/Accountemps Student Scholarship**

**Deadline: April 1, 2009**

Accountemps is proud to partner with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ([www.aicpa.org](http://www.aicpa.org)) to provide \$2,500 scholarships to five (5) outstanding students pursuing a degree in Accounting, Finance or Information Systems. The scholarships will be awarded based on outstanding academic achievement, leadership activities and future career interests. To be eligible, you must be:

- An AICPA student affiliate member
- A declared accounting, finance or information systems major with an overall *and* major GPA of at least 3.0
- A student who has satisfactorily completed at least 30 semester hours (or equivalent),

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including at least six (6) semester hours in accounting

- Enrolled as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student (12 semester hours or equivalent), at an accredited college or university in the United States.

Download membership application and information at <http://ceae.aicpa.org/Membreships>. For more information and to download an application, go to <http://www.accountemps.com/portal/site/at-us>

## **AICPA John L. Carey Scholarship Program** **Deadline: April 1, 2009**

The AICPA John L. Carey Scholarship program provides financial assistance to liberal arts degree holders pursuing graduate studies in accounting and the CPA designation. Up to ten \$5,000 scholarships are awarded annually. For eligibility information and to download an application, go to [www.aicpa.org/members/div/career/edu/jlcs.htm](http://www.aicpa.org/members/div/career/edu/jlcs.htm)

## **Army Nurse Corps Association Nursing Scholarship Program**

### **Deadline: April 1, 2009**

The Army Nurse Corps Association is accepting applications for the 2009 Army Nurse Corps Scholarship program. The purpose of this program is to award scholarship grants to colleges and universities with established and qualifies baccalaureate or graduate nursing programs. The school uses the scholarship grant to provide financial assistance to one or more nursing students. Previous grants have been between \$3000 - \$3500 per school. The school chooses the scholarship recipient(s) based upon the established criteria of the school. Scholarships cannot be directly awarded to students, but schools of nursing can make application on behalf of a particular student(s). For more information and an application go to

<http://sacn.edu/documents/2009ScholarshipApplication-PDFFile.pdf>

## **Dushinske & Jamison Water Resources Scholarship**

### **Deadline: April 1, 2009**

Income from the Dushinske and Jamison Water Resources Scholarship Endowment provides scholarships to two deserving North Dakota students whose families have taken an active role in state water resource management. Two \$1000 scholarships will be awarded to one female and one male. Scholarship recipients must attend a North Dakota college or university and preference will be given to, but is not limited to, students studying water-related fields. Applications can be found on the second floor of May Hall near the Office of Financial Aid.

## **Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship**

### **Deadline: April 1, 2009**

The Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships are awarded to women studying business at the undergraduate level who have demonstrated outstanding potential in the field. Twelve \$5000 scholarships are offered to women students registered to enter their third or fourth year of a business related undergraduate degree program. Women of any nationality pursuing an undergraduate business degree who demonstrate outstanding potential in the field are eligible. For complete information and to download an application visit the website at [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org).

## **Mandan Education Association Scholarship**

### **Deadline: April 1, 2009**

The Mandan Education Association has established one \$500 scholarship for former Mandan High School students. The scholarship is open to any Mandan High School graduate studying to be a teacher at the k-12 level. The scholarship is available to students who will be a junior or senior

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## **St. Vincent Healthcare Career Scholarship Deadline: April 1, 2009**

The St. Vincent Healthcare Volunteers, Ralph Nelles, Judy Wallinder, and other generous donors have made numerous scholarships available for qualified students pursuing careers in healthcare. Learn more about these opportunities, including application forms, by visiting the website at [www.svfoundation.org](http://www.svfoundation.org). If interested in applying, please print off the application form and submit it.

## **American Indian Education Foundation Deadline: April 4, 2009**

The American Indian Education Foundation was established to support educational opportunities for American Indian and Alaska Native students. Applicants must be Native American or Alaska descent, attending an accredited 2 or 4 year college/university or technical/vocational school, be enrolled as a full-time student, have a GPA between 2.0 and 3.4 (is desirable, but all current or future undergraduate college students are encouraged to apply, and an ACT score of 14 or above is desirable. Scholarships are available for undergraduate studies only – online colleges/courses are not applicable. Applications are available at [www.aiefprograms.org](http://www.aiefprograms.org).

## **The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation Deadline: April 15, 2009**

The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation's mission is to provide financial assistance in the form of scholarships for higher education to deserving sons and daughters of Marines and children of former Marines, with particular attention being given to children whose parent was killed or wounded in action. For complete details, eligibility, and an application visit the website at [www.mcsf.org](http://www.mcsf.org).

## **Valley City Education Association Scholarship Deadline: April 15, 2009**

The Valley City Education Association wishes to inform you of their scholarship award that is available to students who are graduates of Valley City High School and have been accepted into a teacher education program. The scholarship program offers one \$500 or two \$250 scholarships to a promising education student(s). Applications can be found on the second floor of May Hall near the Office of Financial Aid.

## **Women in Need Scholarship Deadline: April 15, 2009**

The Board of Trustees created the Women in Need scholarship in 2000 for women who are beginning their third, fourth, or fifth year of academic pursuit and require financial support to complete their degrees. This \$2,000 scholarship is renewable for one additional year upon satisfactory completion of course requirements. The Women In Need scholarship is available to incoming, current, or reentry juniors, with a commitment to the goal of pursuing a degree in accounting, including evidence of continued commitment after receiving the award. Visit the website [www.efwa.org/scholarships.htm](http://www.efwa.org/scholarships.htm) for more information and an application.

## **Orphan Foundation of America Scholarships Deadline: April 16, 2009**

Founded in 1981, the Orphan Foundation of America (OFA) serves thousands of foster teens across the United States. Whether we're providing them with college scholarships, connecting them with mentors and internships, sending them care packages, or testifying before Congress, OFA is a passionate champion of foster youth. Each year 25,000 young people "age out" of the foster care system. We're committed with our partners and sponsors to help foster teens become tomorrow's productive good citizens. We're working to maximize support for their post-secondary education goals and mobilize the

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community at large to assist them. Applicants must have been in foster care for one consecutive year at the time of their 18th birthday OR Have been adopted or taken into legal guardianship out of foster care after their 16th birthday OR Have lost both parents to death before the age of 18 and not been subsequently adopted. In this instance, copies of the death certificates must be provided. Applicants must be accepted into or enrolled in an accredited post-secondary program at the undergraduate level (university, college, community college or vocational/technical institute). Applicants must be under the age of 25 on March 31, 2009. NOTE: Although U.S. citizenship is not required for the OFA Scholarship, domicile is. Applicants must have been in foster care or have grown up in the United States of America and must reside in the U.S. at the time of their application. Visit [www.orphan.org](http://www.orphan.org) for more information and to apply.

## **Elizabeth Nash Foundation Scholarship** **Deadline: April 17, 2009**

The Elizabeth Nash Foundation (ENF) awards scholarships to assist persons with Cystic Fibrosis (CF) to pursue undergraduate and graduate degrees. Grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500 are awarded annually. The Elizabeth Nash Foundation Scholarship program is open to individuals with CF who are in-going or current undergraduate or graduate students at an accredited US-based college or university. Given limited resources, the program is currently only open to US citizens. Visit the website at [www.elizabethnashfoundation.org](http://www.elizabethnashfoundation.org) to download an application.

## **North Dakota Conference of Social Welfare Inc. Scholarship** **Deadline: April 30, 2009**

Each year the NDCSW selects up to one (1) graduate and eight (8) undergraduate students for up to a \$500 scholarship. The scholarships are awarded at the annual conference, which is held in

September each year. The scholarship selection is based on the student's interest in: 1) social welfare reform; 2) advocating for the underprivileged; and 3) being a leader in social welfare issues. The student must write an essay of 1000 words or less about their interest in the three areas listed above; why you would like to be a member of the NDCSW; what benefits there are to membership in the NDCSW; what committee you would like to serve on; and, how you would like to or intend to become involved as a member of the NDCSW. Students may access the NDCSW website at [www.ndcsww.org](http://www.ndcsww.org) for information on the organization and its committees. Scholarship recipients will attend the fall conference late in September to receive their award. An application can also be downloaded on the website.

## **The Tylenol Scholarship** **Deadline: May 15, 2009**

TYLENOL® is proud to support the future of healthcare with their annual TYLENOL® Scholarship program. The program helps students who are pursuing careers in the medical field manage the rising costs of education. Students who are pursuing a healthcare-related education are encouraged to apply. For complete information go to <http://www.tylenol.com/scholarship>.

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